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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO
THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

REF: A) STATE 236229, B) OCTOBER 27 THEROUX-SISON E-MAIL

(U) Classified by Ambassador Michele J. Sison for reasons
1.4 (b & d).

11. (C) Ambassador delivered ref A demarche urging the UAE to provide assistance to the Palestinian Authority to MFA U/S Abdullah Rashid Al-Noaimi on November 20, the first day the UAEG reopened after a two-week shutdown, due to the death of Sheikh Zayed and the Eid al Fitr. Al-Noaimi said that the UAEG was discussing the matter "internally," but he could not commit to anything.

12. (C) Comment: DCM (as CDA) had raised this issue with Al-Noaimi on October 30 in response to ref B e-mail. At that time, Al-Noaimi, speaking generally, said that the UAE would meet its commitments, but was unable to specify an amount or time. The subsequent death of UAE President Sheikh Zayed delayed much of the UAE's decision making. While long a generous provider of humanitarian support to the Palestinians, the UAE was never an enthusiastic supporter of the Palestinian Authority. The death of Arafat may have changed that calculation. We will continue to urge UAEG assistance to the PA. However, a direct appeal from Palestinian Finance Minister Fayyad to the UAEG may be the most effective way for the PA to obtain the support it seeks. End Comment.

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